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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF BILATERAL ISSUES BY GOE INTO MFM

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1. I HAVE DISCUSSED CURRENT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL ISSUES AND MFM WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS. CONCERNING THE AID PHASE-OUT (REFS A AND B), WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR ME TO BRING UP THE MATTER NOW WITH THE PRESIDENT. I AM, HOWEVER, SENDING WORD TO HIM INFORMALLY THAT I UNDERSTAND HE IS DISTURBED AT THE PROSPECT OF THE AID PHASE-OUT, THAT THIS IS IN NO WAY AN "ULTIMATUM", THAT THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY IN OUR POSITION AND THAT I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE MATTER IN DETAIL WITH HIM AT HIS CONVENIENCE AFTER THE MFM.

2. ON THE ADA CASE, FOREIGN MINISTRY SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ, WHOM I SAW AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING WHILE GREETING SOME OF THE U.S. DELEGATES, SAID THAT HE HAD ONCE AGAIN DISCUSSED THE MATTER BY TELEPHONE WITH THE ECUADOREAN CHARGE, GABELA, WHO ADMITTED THAT HE MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD THE DEPARTMENT'S DEMARCHE. HE EXPRESSED HIS REGRET AT THE WAY THE MATTER HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE PRESS. I BELIEVE THAT THE WORST DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE ALREADY AND THAT IT IS BEST NOW FOR US TO LEAVE THE ISSUE ALONE AT LEAST WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESS.

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3. ON THE MATTER OF CANCELLATION OF BRANIFF AIR FREQUENCIES

AND CIVIL AIR CONSULTATIONS (REF D), VALDEZ TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. HAD AGREED TO CONSULTATIONS. I AM SENDING A NOTE TODAY TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALONG THE LINES OF REF D AND PREVIOUS.

4. ON THE TEXACO-GULF ISSUE, THE HIGHEST RANKING ECUADOREAN EMPLOYEE OF TEXACO-GULF INFORMED THE DCM TODAY THAT THE NEW TEAM IN THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES SEEMED VERY RECEPTIVE TO THE TEXACO-GULF POSITION AND THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT A REASONABLE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND SOON.

5. IN SHORT, WE SHOULD NOW SIT TIGHT.
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